

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Harford	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Hays-Heighe House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Prospect Hill

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: campus of Harford Community College, 401 Thomas Run Rd.

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Harford	CODE 025
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	College Administration	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: Board of County Commissioners (Harford County)

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse, 40 South Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER: St. John's College Campus

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland	CODE: 24
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The unusual construction of the overall stone building of this size which has exterior only "bearing" walls sets this building apart from others of the same type with conventional interior bearing walls.

The house is important architecturally as a handsome, dignified stone dwelling of-the-period in a rural, agrarian county. The careful craftsmanship of the stone masonry, the soft, buff color of the stone, the occasional well designed ornaments on both the exterior and interior express great restraint of design.

The Hays-Heighe House is located on the campus of Harford Junior College on the east side of Thomas Run Road 0.3 miles north of Churchville Road and five miles east of Bel Air, Maryland.

The house is five bays long and two bays deep with no windows in the west gable except at the attic level. It has an "A" roof with massive brick chimneys on each gable. On the east is a five bay long two-story stone wing, three bays of which are original to the house.

Dressed stone is used on the main (south) facade, rough field-stone on the sides. The lintels are more refined on this facade having five separate blocks, in the center of each of which is a large keystone. The central south door is narrow in contrast to the size of the facade. It has a single-leaf door with semi-circular transom. Above the second story window and beneath the lunette window in the pediment is a stone date plaque with the initials "A & H H, 1808." There is a plain boxed cornice, with a course of small dentils.

Because of its present use as an administration building for the Harford Community College, the interior of the wing and second floor rooms have been altered with removable partitions and "weld-wood paneling". The trim and mantels, entrance door and staircase, are all intact. The floor plan consists of a large stair hall, running south and north with one large room on the west side and two smaller rooms on the east side.

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#7 DESCRIPTION (continued)

The wing originally consisted of two rooms, one was the kitchen. The same plan was used on both stories with a small room above the main (south) entrance. The long, west, drawing room is temporarily partitioned in half, for use as two college offices. These offices retain the panelled window jambs of the original room.

Beneath the entire structure is a full cellar. The attic is unfinished.

One of the unusual features for a house of this size is that the only "bearing" walls are the exterior ones. There are no masonry interior partitions. The interior trim throughout is simple.

The interior trim of the south door is heavily molded, the interior of the door is faced with diagonal battens. The half-round fan-light window has tracery wood muntins. The door trim has a wide, molded trim, half-round at the top with a molded, wood, keystone.

The door trim of the hall appears original to the period, with six-panel doors. The dado appears to be a 1930 decorative feature. The wide open-string staircase has carved step-ends, a paneled soffit; walnut, molded hand-rail, turned newel and slender rectangular balusters. The staircase rises two stories to the attic. The two rooms east of the hall have wood mantels with reeded pilasters of the late federal style, each has one paneled side cupboard with narrow raised panel doors, the windows have molded trim.

**3. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

1808

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | <u>Architecture</u>                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____   |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Hays-Heighe House is one of the important substantial houses in Harford County. The Harford Community College preserved the structure by converting it from a dwelling to administrative offices--an example of alternative use.

Built in 1808, according to the date stone, by Archer Hays, the structure served as a farm house throughout the nineteenth century for the prominent Harford County Hays family. Thomas A. Hays who owned the property while his daughter lived there, was one of the founders of the town of Bel Air--the county seat of Harford County.

In the mid-twentieth century Mrs. Anne McElderry Heighe operated a horse farm there.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Recorder: Jean S. Ewing, Maryland Historical Trust, 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401

Michael Bourne, 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland, 21401, April 1971

Nancy Miller, 94 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, August, 1971

Sources: (see Continuation Sheet)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES									
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	39	33	36	76	17	01
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Mrs. Preston Parish, Keeper of the Maryland Register

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: 9/3/71

STREET AND NUMBER: 94 College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National
  State
  Local

Name: Orlando Ridout IV  
Orlando Ridout IV

Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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#9 CONTINUATION SHEET

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